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Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 2/23/2010 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.
2. Applicant argues on pages 8-10 of the Remarks that *Kaseya* fails to teach the limitation "wherein the medical device is operable to detect an alteration of at least one of medical device hardware and medical device software by a service provider". The cited portions in the specification amount to mere exemplary embodiments and non-committal definitions at best. Absent any controlling definition in the specification, and since Applicant provides no documentation for a controlling definition of "service provider", Examiner relies on Oxford English Dictionary which defines "service provider" as "an organization that (or occas. a person who) supplies a service of some kind". Since the computer user performs many actions, including servicing the computer, the user may be reasonably considered to be a "service provider". Applicant also argues that the user cannot be a "service provider" as a "professional service provider has been trained and capable of servicing complex medical machinery". A complex machine or training is not recited in the claim and therefore not included within the scope of a "service provider".
3. Applicant additionally argues that *Kaseya* fails to teach "operating the computer system to generate a service report based on a combination of the medical device data and the service provider data." As the claim provides no guidance as to what type of data comprises "medical device data" and "service provider data", one could identify the report of software or hardware changes of *Kaseya* as applicable to both medical device data and service provider data.
4. The rejections are therefore maintained.

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